

Versions of above paragraph with markings to show changes made:

For replacement beginning at page 10, line 1:

In one form, the method of the present includes sintering the green compact by induction heating. The use of induction sintering of green compacts formed from metallurgical powders, which may include an amount of sponge iron, is an invention disclosed in detail in [a] co-pending United States patent application Serial No. 09/887,287[, which is entitled "Method of Forming Powder Metal Parts" and is filed on even date herewith] (hereinafter referred to as the "co-pending application"). The entire disclosure of that co-pending application is incorporated by reference herein. Induction sintering is facilitated by the method of the present invention because the metallurgical powders may lack or be substantially free of internal lubricants. Induction sintering requires substantially less time and energy consumption relative to conventional sintering using an electric or gas-fired batch, pusher, or belt sintering furnace.